

Dear Sir,

My name is Louis Carta and I serve as the Community Health Educator for the Middletown Health Department. Although I am unable to attend the Committee on Children Public Hearing January 27, 2015, I am writing you to express my support for S.B. No. 207 "An Act Concerning Funding For A Lyme Disease Prevention And Education Program".

Throughout the years, many of our area residents have had questions and concerns about Lyme disease. Blast LYME has been instrumental in addressing these issues by helping the Middletown Health Department to disseminate accurate and timely information to the public. Blast LYME has not provided us with important educational materials but participated in many of our health and wellness programs. Moreover, representatives have been interviewed on our health-information radio program –"Healthline". In each instance, feedback from the public has been very positive.

Middletown has found Blast LYME to be a valuable resource for our community. Passage of this bill would mean that other communities across the state would benefit as well.

Thank you.

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